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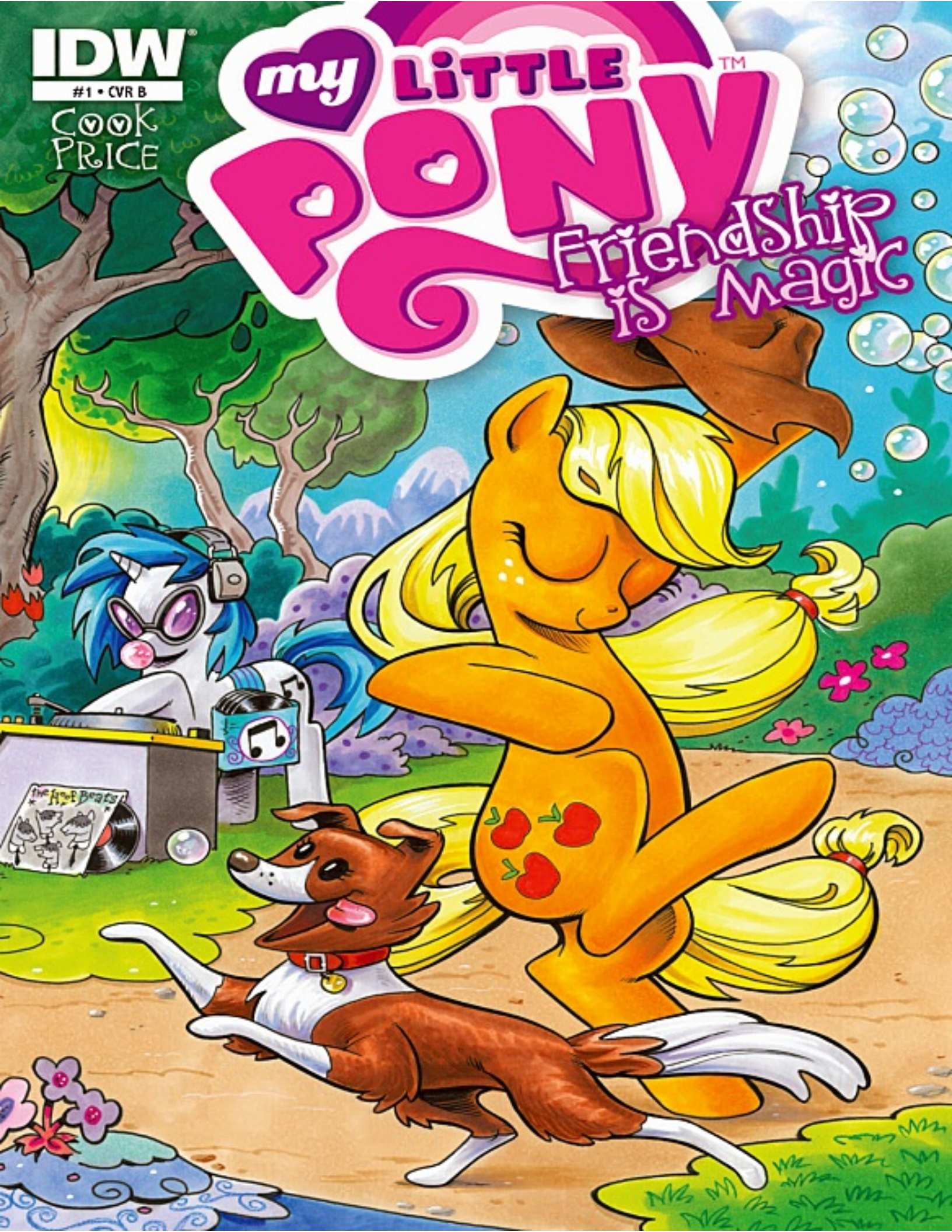
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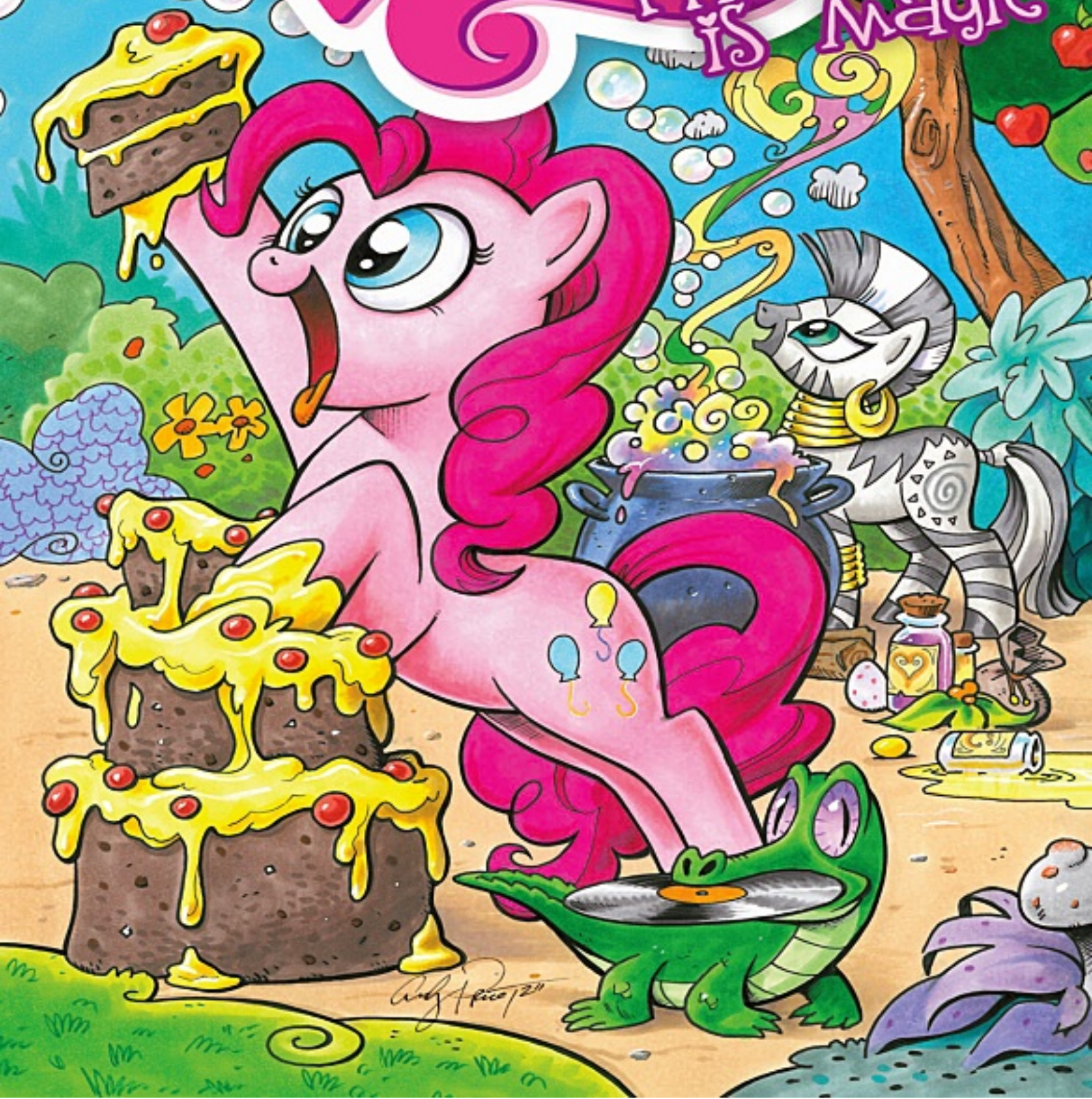
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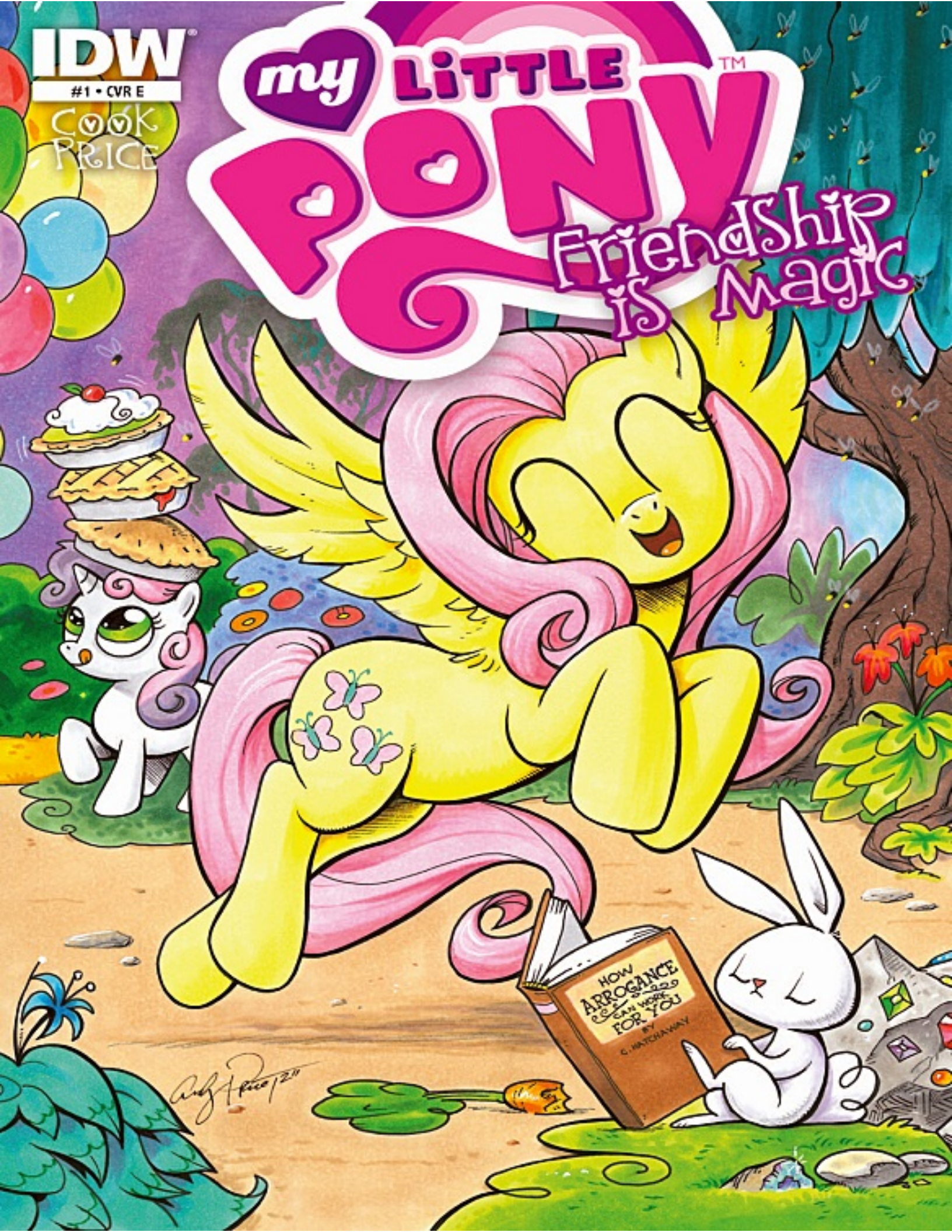
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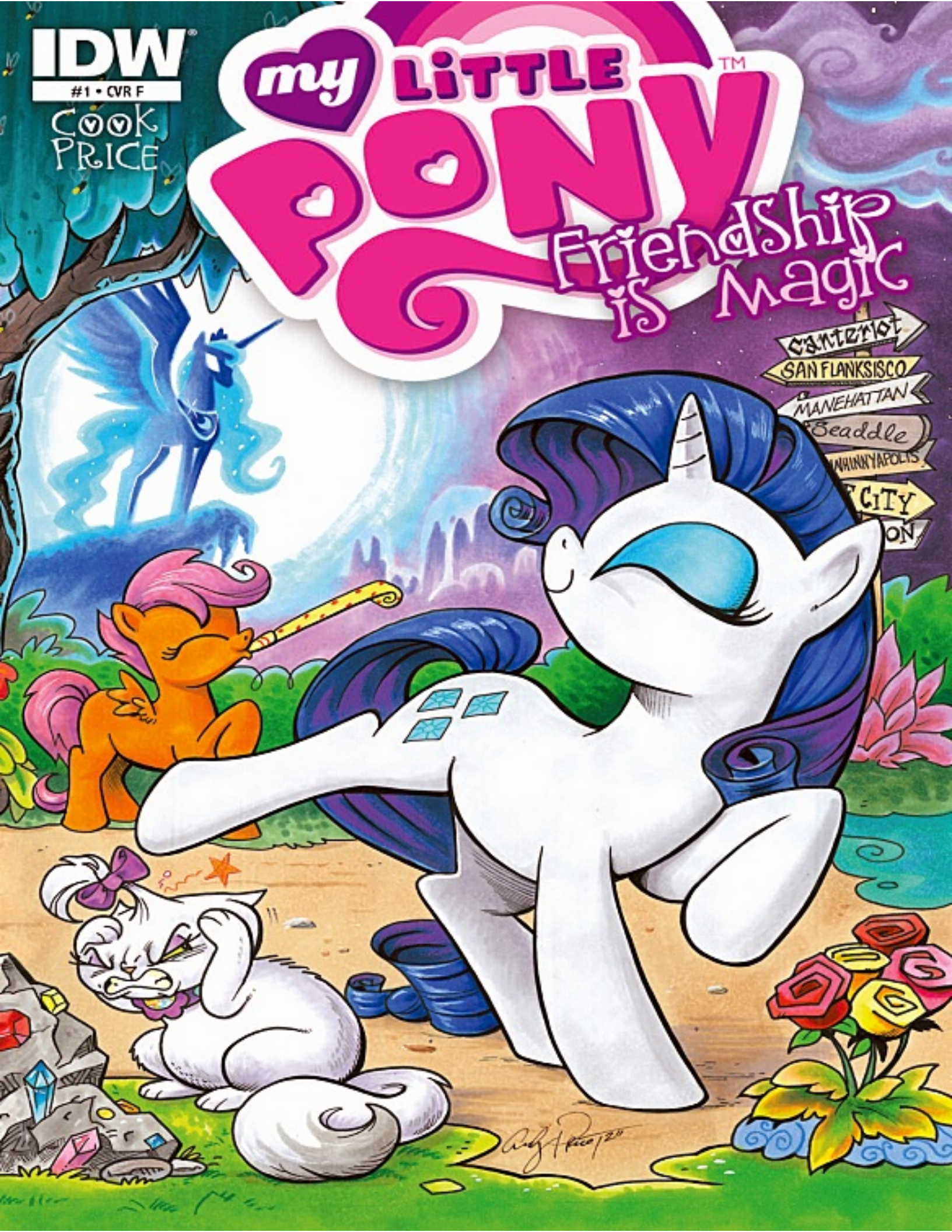
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THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, WE CAN GET OUR CUTIE MARKS AS ZOOLOGISTS!

ZOO-WHAT? NO, WE'RE GETTING THEM IN BEING JUNGLE ADVENTURERS!

I DON'T THINK FLUTTERSHY'S BACKYARD CAN BE CONSIDERED "THE JUNGLE."



HMM... DID YOU KNOW THAT THE STUDY OF PONIES IS CALLED "HIPPOLOGY"?



I DON'T THINK WE LOOK MUCH LIKE HIPPOS...

HA HA



HEY!

THE RETURN OF QUEEN CHRYSALIS



THE NEXT DAY...





HEY, SCOOTS! WANNA' HELP ME WORK ON THAT TRICK I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT? I NEED SOMEONE TO HOLD THE STOPWATCH!

NO.

WO? WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO HANG OUT WITH ME? ME! BUT... I'M AWESOME...

...AND THEN SHE JUST LEFT! LEFT ME!

HRM... THOSE THREE FILLIES ARE SURE ACTIN' FUNNY. THERE'S TWILIGHT... SHE'LL HAVE SOME IDEA WHAT'S GOIN' ON.

EVERYPONY IS ACTING SO STRANGE TODAY! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PLAN A VIEWING CELEBRATION FOR THE SECRETARIAT COMET THIS WEEK AND I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO LISTEN TO ME AT ALL...

WHAT WAS THAT? I WASN'T LISTENING.

RAINBOW!

TWILIGHT, MY SISTER AND HER CREW ARE BEING AS PECULIAR AS EVERYPONY ELSE... SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT...



HAVE ANY OF YOU SEEN CHEERILEEE? I JUST HEARD SHE DIDN'T SHOW UP TO THE SCHOOLHOUSE TODAY!

AND THE CAKES DIDN'T OPEN UP SUGARCUBE CORNER THIS MORNING!

AT FIRST I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WERE PLANNING A PARTY BECAUSE MR. CAKE'S BIRTHDAY IS IN 43 DAYS AND THAT'S CUTTING IT WAY CLOSE TO JUST BE STARTING IN ON ORDERING SUPPLIES...

...BUT WHEN I ASKED ABOUT IT, THEY JUST LOOKED AT ME LIKE I WAS CRAZY!



EVERYPONY IS ACTING SO BIZARRE! MORE AND MORE PONIES BY THE HOUR! WHAT IN EQUESTRIA IS GOING ON?



UH... I THINK WE SHOULD MOVE THIS CONVERSATION TO SOMEWHERE MORE... PRIVATE?

QUICK GIRLS, TO THE LIBRARY!

THAT'S YOUR SOLUTION FOR EVERYTHING.



GALLOPING THERE MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH EVERYPONY?!



WAIT... THIS...
THIS IS TOO
FAMILIAR. EVERYPONY
ACTING STRANGE?
ACTING LIKE
THEY'VE BEEN
REPLACED?!



YOU LOST
ME.

GASP! OF COURSE!
THE ROYAL WEDDING!
PRINCESS CADANCE WAS
REPLACED BY A
CHANGELING!

THE *QUEEN*
CHANGELING! ...AND
SHE WENT ALL EVIL
ON EVERYPONY!



OOOH... THE
WEDDING... YEAH...
WELL, I DON'T REMEMBER
MUCH AFTER I HAD PINKIE'S
TUTTI-FRUTTI SHERBET SUGAR
PUNCH. IT MADE THE DAY A
BIT OF A BLUR...

THAT'S
BECAUSE I USE
SEVEN PARTS
SUGAR TO EVERY
ONE PART TUTTI!



HMPF! LUCKY
FOR YOU I KEPT A
FULL JOURNAL OF
WHAT HAPPENED!

ACCORDING TO MY
EXTENSIVE NOTE-TAKING,
THE CHANGELINGS ARE
BACK... AND THIS TIME,
THEY MUST BE AFTER
PONYVILLE!



WELL, WE NEED TO WARN
PRINCESS CELESTIA RIGHT
AWAY! SHE'LL GET RID OF
THEM RIGHT QUICK!

RIGHT!
SPIKE! TAKE
A LETTER!



RIGHT!

THREE REWRITES AND A SPELL CHECK LATER...

PERFECT! SEND IT TO CELESTIA, SPIKE.

NO PROBLEM.

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL SERVICE!

"DEAR CORRESPONDENT: I AM UNAVAILABLE DUE TO A ROYAL EMERGENCY. PLEASE TRY SENDING YOUR LETTER AGAIN AT A LATER TIME."

...I... I WAS JUST FORM LETTERED?!

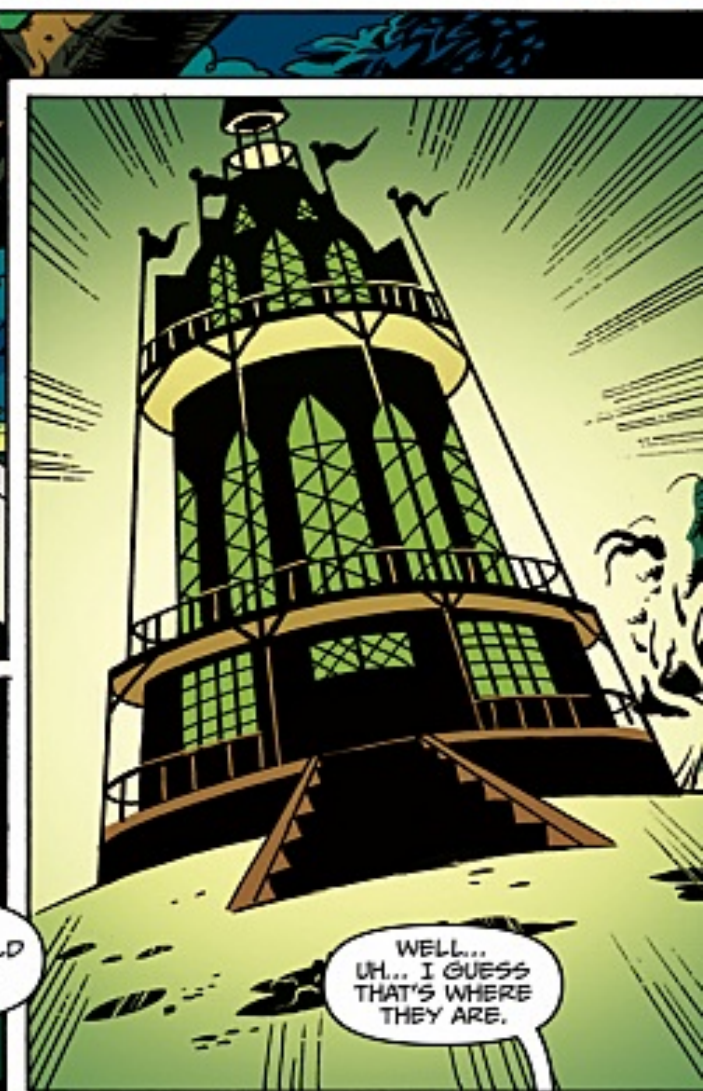
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE ARE ON OUR OWN FOR THIS. IT'S CLOBBERING TIME!

UM... I WOULD BE OKAY WITH WAITING UNTIL THE PRINCESS IS AVAILABLE.

MY SISTER IS MISSIN' AND IF THOSE THINGS ARE RESPONSIBLE, WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON!









LET'S GET
THIS RODEO
STARTED!

GIVE ME BACK
MY SISTER, YOU
RUFFIANS!

IT'S FLANK
WHOOPIG...

...TIME?

OKAY, GIRLS!
WE'VE FOUGHT
THEM BEFORE!
WE CAN HANDLE
THIS!

"...I THINK?"









WELL... THAT
ESCALATED
QUICKLY... THEN
ENDED ABRUPTLY.

WOW PINKIE!
HOW DID YOU KNOW
THAT CAKE BATTER
WOULD GET ALL THE
CHANGELINGS TO STOP
DEAD IN THEIR
TRACKS?

BECAUSE IT'S
THE BATTER FOR
MY SUPER-STICKY
DOUBLE-BUBBLE
BUBBLE-GUM FOR
GUMMY CAKE!
...DUH.

LET'S START
LETTING EVERYPONY
OUT OF THESE PODS
AND FIND THOSE
FILLIES!

LATER...

THERE'S NO SIGN
OF SWEETIE BELLE,
APPLE BLOOM, OR
SCOOTALOO ANYWHERE,
AND YOU'VE OPENED
ALL THE PODS!

WHERE...
WHERE COULD
THEY POSSIBLY BE?
WHY AREN'T THEY
HERE?!





MWA
HA HA
HA!

MWA HA
HA HA!



MY, MY... YOU
DIDN'T HAVE ANY
TROUBLE SEEING
THROUGH MY
MINIONS AT ALL, DID
YOU, TWILIGHT?
CLEVER GIRL.

I'M SURE
YOU'RE ALL
CLEVER ENOUGH
TO SEE WHO'S
MISSING FROM
YOUR LITTLE...
VILLAGE.

WHERE'S
MY SISTER
YOU....

...ILL-GROOMED...

...SWISS
CHEESE...

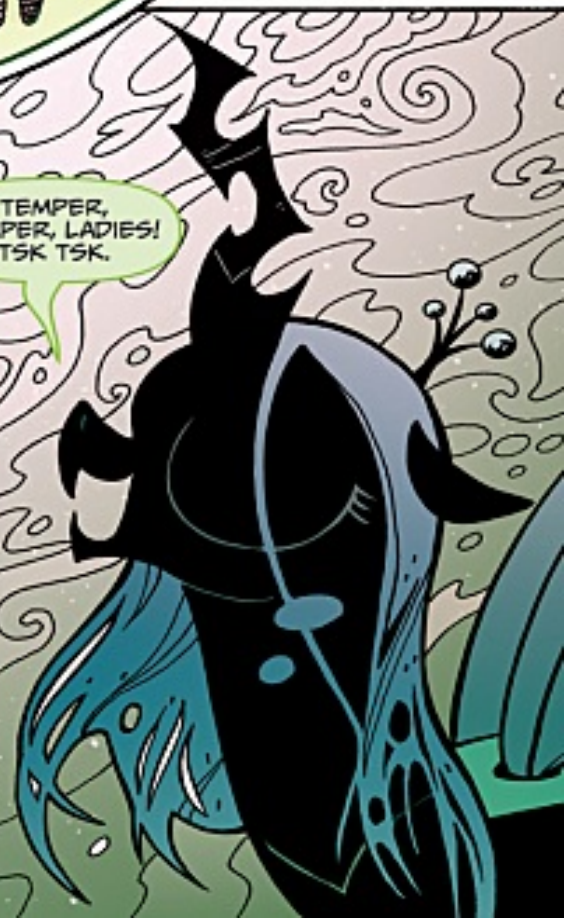
...MULE!



HEY!

ha!

TEMPER,
TEMPER, LADIES!
TSK TSK.





GASP! I KNOW.
SECRETARIAT COMET! IN
THREE DAYS THE SECRETARIAT
COMET IS PASSING THROUGH THE
HORSE HEAD NEBULA "BREATHE"
AND IT'S ALL PASSING OVER
EQUESTRIA. IT'S THE SINGLE
BIGGEST CONJUNCTION IN
CELESTIAL EVENTS IN OVER
3,000 YEARS!

YOU GOT
WHAT IN YOUR
WHAT NOW?

IT'S A MAGICAL
PHENOMENON, EVERY
MAGICAL CREATURE IS GOING
TO FEEL THE EFFECTS. IT MUST
BE WHY PRINCESS CELESTIA IS
UNAVAILABLE. SHE'S
PROBABLY PROTECTING
CANTERLOT!

BUT... IF CELESTIA IS
BUSY, WHO WILL HELP US
AGAINST QUEEN CHRYSALIS?
WE CAN'T GO TO THE
CHANGELING KINGDOM
ALONE!

YES, PERHAPS
SOME OF THE ROYAL
GUARD CAN ACCOMPANY
US? MAYBE SOMEONE WITH
BROAD SHOULDERS...
A NICE COIFFURE...
AN ACCENT...

STILL NO
ONE WITH ME
THAT THIS IS A
TRAP?

WE KNOW IT'S A TRAP,
RAINBOW... BUT I CAN'T WAIT
AROUND FOR HELP FROM THE
ROYALS. I'VE GOT TO SAVE
MY SISTER!

SWEETIE
BELLE NEEDS
MY HELP. I'M
GOING WITH
APPLEJACK.

BUT WE SHOULD WAIT... WE
NEED TO DO SOME INVESTIGATION
INTO WHAT THE QUEEN IS UP TO! HOW
IS SHE GOING TO USE THAT MAGICAL
SURGE? WHY DO WE NEED TO BE
THERE?! WE SHOULD TRY AND
WRITE TO THE PRINCESS
AGAIN.

WRITE ALL THE
LETTERS YOU WANT,
THERE'S NO TIME TO
WAIT, RARITY AND I
ARE LEAVING
NOW.

I'LL... UM... I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT THIS... I'VE
GOT A LOT OF ANIMALS TO
FEED. THINGS TO DO... A
BONSAI TO WATER...

WELL,
OF COURSE I'M
COMING... AND DON'T
WORRY, FLUTTERSHY, WE
CAN LEAVE GUMMY IN
CHARGE OF YOUR
PLANT!

...OKAY...

SPIKE, YOU STAY HERE. KEEP
TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF
PRINCESS CELESTIA AND TELL
HER WHERE WE ARE.

I'M LEAVING YOU IN CHARGE
OF THE CAPTURED CHANGELINGS.
WHEN YOU GET A HOLD OF THE
PRINCESS, SHE'LL TAKE CARE
OF THEM.



ALRIGHT,
EVERYPONY!



WELL, THIS IS
SHOWING US THE WAY.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE US
ALMOST THE WHOLE
THREE DAYS TO GET
THERE... SO WE NEED
TO GET MOVING.



I FEEL LIKE
DARING DO! A PONY
OF ADVENTURE! WE'RE
OFF ON A QUEST!

WOO! RAISE
YOUR HOOVES IF
YOU'RE READY FOR
THREE EXCITING
DAYS OF PERIL!

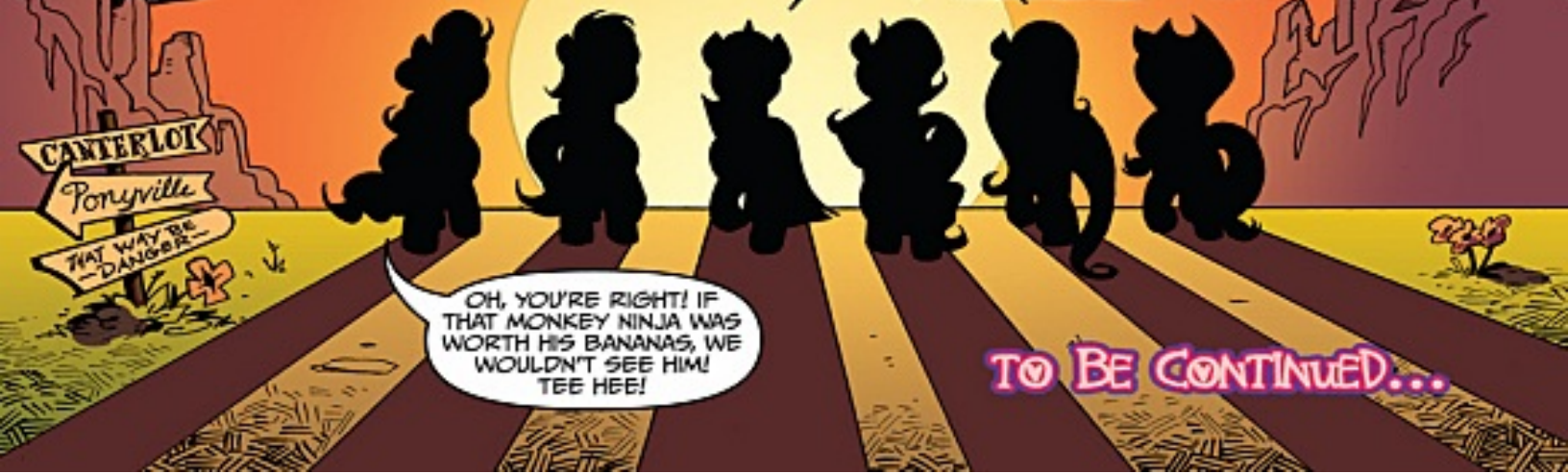


SO
RANDOM?



...MAYBE IF
WE'RE LUCKY WE'LL
SEE A NINJA... OR
SOME MONKEYS... OR
MONKEY NINJAS!

PINKIE!



OH, YOU'RE RIGHT! IF
THAT MONKEY NINJA WAS
WORTH HIS BANANAS, WE
WOULDN'T SEE HIM!
TEE HEE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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How much is That Pony In The Window?

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